

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )                | Cause No. <i>To be assigned</i>  |
| OF SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY )                          |                                  |
| PRODUCTION COMPANY FOR AN )                       | Docket No. <i>To be assigned</i> |
| ORDER TO ESTABLISH AN )                           |                                  |
| APPROXIMATE 644.35-ACRE DRILLING )                |                                  |
| AND SPACING UNIT FOR CERTAIN )                    |                                  |
| LANDS IN SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 7 )                 |                                  |
| NORTH, RANGE 91 WEST, 6 <sup>th</sup> P.M., AND ) |                                  |
| TO APPROVE UP TO 28 HORIZONTAL )                  |                                  |
| WELLS AND FOUR VERTICAL WELLS )                   |                                  |
| WITHIN THE UNIT, FOR THE )                        |                                  |
| NIOBRARA FORMATION, UNNAMED )                     |                                  |
| FIELD, MOFFAT COUNTY, COLORADO )                  |                                  |

APPLICATION

Southwestern Energy Production Company ("Southwestern"), by and through its attorneys Burns, Figa, & Will, P.C., respectfully submits this Application to the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado (the "Commission") for an order to establish an approximate 644.35-acre drilling and spacing unit and to approve up to twenty-eight (28) horizontal wells and four (4) vertical wells within the unit, for the production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation in the following lands:

Township 7 North, Range 91 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Section 23: ALL

Moffat County, Colorado, containing approximately 644.35 acres ("Application Lands"), depicted in the attached Reference Map.

In support of its Application, Southwestern states and alleges as follows:

1. Southwestern is a corporation duly authorized to do business in Colorado and is registered as an operator in good standing with the Commission.
2. Southwestern is an owner with the right to drill into and produce from the Application Lands.

3. The Application Lands are subject to Commission Rule 318.a., which provides that wells drilled in excess of two thousand five hundred (2,500) feet in depth shall be located not less than six hundred (600) from any lease line, and shall be located not less than one thousand two hundred (1,200) feet from any other producible or drilling oil or gas well when drilling to the same source of supply, unless authorized by order of the Commission upon hearing.

There are no specific Commission orders applicable to the Application Lands.

4. The top of the stratigraphic interval for the Niobrara formation is approximately 9,500 feet. The Niobrara formation is a common source of supply underlying the Application Lands.

5. The Application Lands contain no producing oil and/or gas wells. The Application Lands do include approved locations and APDs. Southwestern intends to include these wells within the drilling and spacing unit proposed in this Application. The establishment of the proposed drilling and spacing unit will result in efficient and economic development of the Application Lands.

6. Southwestern requests that the Commission establish an approximate 644.35-acre drilling and spacing unit comprised of the Application Lands, for production of oil, gas, and associated hydrocarbons from the Niobrara formation. The proposed drilling and spacing unit is not smaller than the maximum area that can be economically and efficiently drained by the proposed wells.

7. Southwestern further requests that the Commission approve the drilling and completion of up to twenty-eight (28) horizontal and four (4) vertical wells within the unit, from locations anywhere within the unit, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources from the Niobrara formation, with the treated interval of each well to be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from the unit boundaries, and inter-well setbacks of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the treated interval of any other well producing from a common source of supply, without exception being granted by the Director. These locations and setbacks will promote economic and efficient drainage, protect correlative rights, and avoid waste.

8. The names and addresses of the interested parties, according to Southwestern's information and belief, are set forth in the attached Exhibit A, and the undersigned certifies that copies of this Application will be served on each interested party within the next seven days, as required by Rule 503.e.

WHEREFORE, Southwestern respectfully requests that this matter be set for hearing at the next available opportunity, that notice be given as required by law, and that the Commission enter an Order to:

- A. Establish an approximate 644.35-acre drilling and spacing unit in the Application Lands; and


- B. Approve up to twenty-eight (28) horizontal and four (4) vertical wells within the unit, from locations anywhere within the unit, as necessary to economically and efficiently recover resources from the Niobrara formation, with the treated interval of each well to be located not less than six hundred (600) feet from the unit boundaries, and inter-well setbacks of not less than one hundred and fifty (150) feet from the treated interval of any other well producing from a common source of supply, without exception being granted by the Director.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

SOUTHWESTERN ENERGY PRODUCTION  
COMPANY, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF TEXAS                    )  
  )    ss.  
COUNTY OF HARRIS             )

The undersigned, of lawful age, having been first sworn upon his oath, deposes and states that:

1. He is a Senior Landman – New Ventures, for Southwestern Energy Production Company, Inc., whose address 2350 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 125, Houston, TX 77032.
2. He has read the within application, is familiar with the facts set forth therein, and states that said facts are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

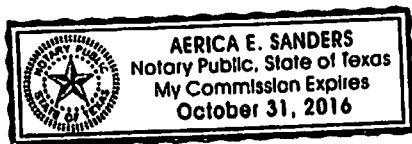
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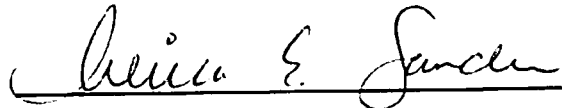
  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: October 31, 2016





**EXHIBIT A**

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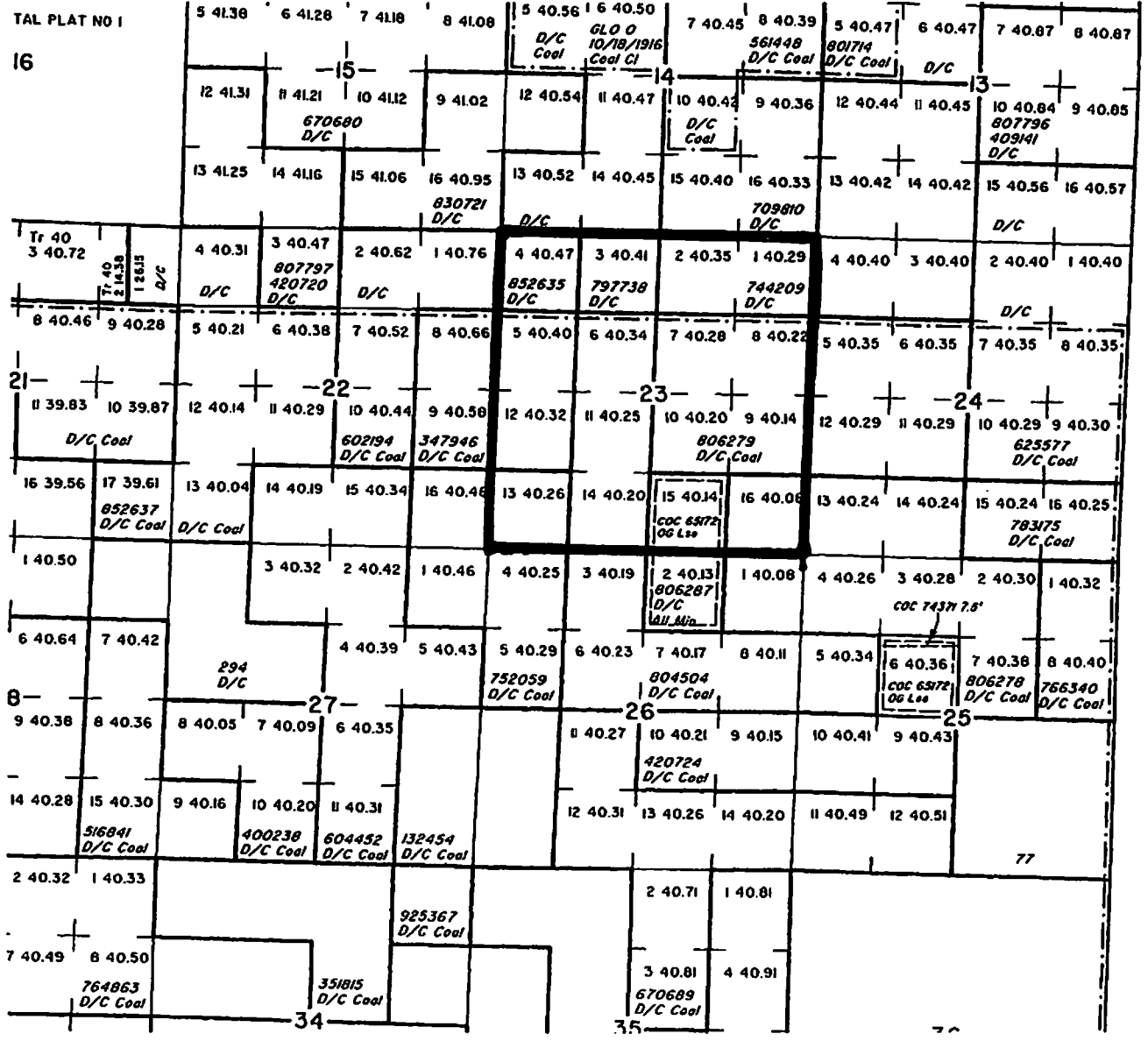
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 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF ARAPAHOE )

Michael T. Jewell, of lawful age, and being first duly sworn upon his oath, states and declares:

That he is the attorney for Southwestern Energy Production Company and that on or before November 20, 2014, he caused a copy of the attached Application to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties listed on Exhibit A attached hereto.

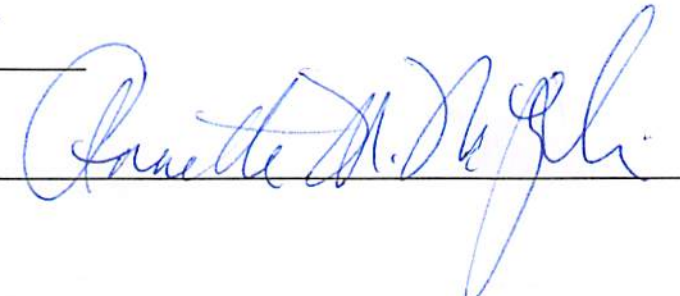
  
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Michael T. Jewell, Esq.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November, 2014.

Witness my hand and official seal.

My commission expires: 2/3/15



  
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